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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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	TOTAL CLAIMS	17	MINUS	31	0	X \$18	0.00
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				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		0.00	

In the event Applicants have overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

Charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the fees associated with this communication. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## AMENDMENT AFTER EXAMINER'S ANSWER

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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Examiner's Answer mailed June 2, 2004 and is filed within the two-month shortened statutory period for reply. As discussed below in more detail, Applicants respectfully submit that the present Amendment will place the present Application in a condition for allowance and, therefore, respectfully request entry of the present Amendment. Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3080.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.